

## LATEST ENGLISH PASTIME

### "BOMBARDING" A RESOURCE OF COUNTRY HOUSE PARTIES.

Value of a Good Address in London—Bridesmaids for Hire—Lombroso's Forgetfulness—German Rejoicing Over Decreased Emigration—No Stop Taken Yet for Columbus's Bestiary—Feet of a Paris Woman Novelists—Cold Winter Predicted for Europe.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—In the writing room of a London club a few days ago an Englishman was writing a letter while an American friend waited for him. Presently the Englishman folded his letter, put it in an envelope and proceeded to address it.

"I'd know you were an Englishman if I'd only seen you addressing an envelope," said the American. "Englishmen always seem to put all they possibly can into an address."

Well, the address of an Englishman is a very important thing, almost as important as his pedigree. A good address, especially in London, is more highly regarded than square meals, the latter often being sacrificed for the former. This great truth has been recognized by a woman who writes to an Australian newspaper:

"There are only certain parts of London in which one can live and be recognized. It is divided into districts, the most important of which bears the address London, W."

The most desirable importance is S. W. (Southwest). This includes Chelsea, where the aristocrats, and South Kensington, where upper middle class fashionable folk live.

"N. W. (Northwest) includes Hampstead, St. John's Wood, Belair Park (one of the prettiest and healthiest parts of London), where wealthy city men reside, and the many large residences there can boast beautiful gardens and lawns, such as are unobtainable in any other part of London."

"The next district, and one of the most closely populated, is W. C. (West Central). It is a world of boarding houses, and being the most convenient part of London for railway stations, places of amusement and sightseeing generally it is peopled with the most cosmopolitan set to be found anywhere in the world."

"One of the puzzles of this address is that if you write W. C. after the recipient will probably not bother to call, but if you write in such and such a place and add 'Russell Square' that makes it all right. Russell Square is recognized, but West Central is not."

"On meeting new people the first thing they invariably ask is your address. If you are wearing a nice frock and say you live W. C. they immediately ask you to dinner, but if you say West Central the nice frock carries no weight. They simply say, 'How very odd,' and talk about the weather."

The popularity of bridge, jigsaw puzzles and practical jokes is threatened at the country houses. A new recreation has been found. It is called "bombarding," and its origin might be traced to a notorious case of amateur burglary which startled society not long ago.

The rules of the game are of the simplest and possess the charm that any or all of them can be broken. When it is agreed between neighboring house parties to bombard one party endeavorers to obtain entry into the house of the other. To the individual who is first in the honors of war, "shininess" and daring are of great account, and some remarkable instances of successful ruses have proved the fact.

At one country house where bombarding has been carried practically as far as enterprise and audacity will take it a great coup was made recently. Every device on the part of the storming force had been frustrated, when a telegraph boy rode up on a bicycle and delivered a message. So unintelligible was it that the bombarded host sent for the boy to come in to him and be questioned. Then only did he realize that he was lost, for the enemy stood before him radiantly triumphant in her becoming disguise of a post office boy.

On another occasion the attack on a somewhat staid household was led by two determined young sportsmen. They crawled through two fields of turnips, to the amazement of farm workers. Then they scaled sundry walls and rushed into the house by an unused entrance, very noisy and very victorious, just as the household were about to sit down to dinner.

On a third occasion the attacker adapted the method of Cleopatra and came into the house in a roll of linoleum. The surprise of quiet country folk at these latest pranks of society cannot easily be described.

Absentmindedness is on the increase in London, according to Scotland Yard statistics, which show that the number of articles left in cabs, omnibuses and tram cars last year was 60,000. This is 170 more than in 1907.

Only 27,571 articles of the value of \$134,000 were restored to their owners. The others, with a few exceptions, were returned to the drivers and conductors who deposited them. The rewards paid to drivers and conductors amounted to \$13,500. One man received \$150 and four others \$100 each.

The number of persons killed in street accidents has also increased. It was 285 in 1907 and 328 last year. The number of those injured in street accidents was 18,874, as compared with 18,772 in 1907 and 18,060 in 1906. Of last year's deaths 110 were caused by motor vehicles, including taxicabs.

According to further statistics from Scotland Yard there was less serious crime in London last year, although the total number of people arrested was 1,803 higher. Burglaries decreased from 541 to 507 and housebreakings from 1,002 to 1,767. The value of property stolen was \$46,000 less.

There were four cases of murder during the year in which the guilty persons have not yet been traced.

The latest enterprise of a department store in London is to provide bridesmaids. They are not kept as a special department. Said the manager:

"We are only asked for them two or three times a year. When an order comes we send one of our young women clerks or some other feminine employee. We charge \$2.25 a bridesmaid if the parents of the bride provide outfit and carriage."

If, as generally happens, it is a runaway marriage and the bride has felt the need of some woman to stand by her at the last moment we charge for all expenses, such as carriage and any additions to costume that are necessary."

When asked the reason for the existence of the professional bridesmaid the manager said: "It is partly due to the superstition that to be a bridesmaid three times is unlucky. Some brides cannot secure among their friends a girl who has not served twice before in this capacity. They want a conventional wedding, so they send for a bridesmaid who will be a good looking, well-mannered girl, sure to be dressed tastefully and able to do gracefully all that is required of her."

One side of the late Prof. Lombroso's character little known to outsiders being adored by his children, especially his two daughters, who looked after him as though he were a child.

His two greatest domestic characteristics were disregard of appearance and absentmindedness. When he was invited out in the evening it was the work of two or three days to get him keyed up to putting on his dress clothes, and even then he was capable of weakening at the last moment and going out just as he happened to find himself.

Once when going to Rome he lost his overcoat, but was not in the least discouraged, as he entered the first shop of ready-made clothing and bought the topmost warm thing which came to hand without even looking at it. It proved to be a long, bright, bottle green cloak which came down to his heels, and in which he looked, with his broad brimmed felt hat, like a figure attired for the carnival.

His absentmindedness was so great that when under the care of the home circle he never attempted to look after the money and would even leave the house to go shopping without ever looking to see if he had his purse with him. Naturally when he travelled the consequences for his pocket were disastrous. He invariably arrived home without a penny no matter how much he had taken away with him, having either lost it or had it stolen.

In Vienna once he lost his purse, which frightened him so that when he recovered it he resorted to the expedient of dividing his funds into various small sums which he concealed about his person in all kinds of unlikely places, so that at least he could not lose it all at one time. There was a note in the lining of his hat, another in his boot, several pinned to his shirt and so on, but notwithstanding this he arrived home in his usual penniless condition.

Twenty men of the North Lancashire Regiment have just undergone a test for two weeks to prove the sustaining power of limited rations. The men have marched for a fortnight on Salisbury Plain under service conditions, carrying rifle and bayonet with 150 rounds of ammunition. They have covered between 160 and 170 miles of hard marching, mostly in bad weather, sleeping under canvas and cooking their own meals.

No special selection of men was made, as the purpose of the test was to ascertain the effect of a strict and limited diet on an average batch of soldiers varying in height, weight and chest measurement. For the first week canned rations alone were issued. Some of the men put on weight, others lost flesh. In every case the effect of canned rations on the capacity for marching was bad, leaving

the men without energy or the desire to do more than endure existence.

During the second week the ordinary service rations were issued, consisting of 1½ pounds fresh meat, or 1 pound nominal preserved meat or 1 pound salt meat; 1½ pounds bread, or 1 pound biscuit, or 1 pound flour; ¾ ounce tea; 1-36 ounce pepper; ¾ pound jam; 2 ounces sugar; ¾ ounce salt; ¾ pound fresh or 4 ounces preserved vegetables. On this the men marched from fourteen to twenty miles a day, and began again to enjoy life and gave evidence of returning energy by playing football and hockey after the march.

Beer, spirits and cigarettes were withheld during the first week, but for the second week two ounces of tobacco was issued to each smoker. It was noted that, as usual, in the absence of fresh vegetables the men developed a craving for sugar and jam. The loss of alcohol was not felt so keenly as the loss of cigarettes by those who were in the habit of using them.

Daily, before and after the march, measurements and tests were taken for pulse, blood and pressure and general condition, the men being questioned as to how they felt generally. The conclusion arrived at is that the rations are on the light side, but there is no doubt as to the splendid condition of the men.

The canned ration weighed 7½ ounces, divided in three small tins. The breakfast tin consisted of a mixture of baked egg, fish and bread; dinner, baked meat, egg, fish, oatmeal and fat; supper, baked cheese, egg and meat. In addition to this a little biscuit was served.

At the end of two weeks the average loss in weight a man was five pounds, and the average loss in chest measurement one inch. None fell out except one man, who was sick after eating some nightshade berries, and was carried for half of one day's march.

There is rejoicing in Germany over the fact that according to recent statistics less than 20,000 emigrants left the country last year. In the '90s the number of emigrants to the United States alone was over rather than under a quarter of a million.

The rejoicing is well founded, since it is evident that Germany is now so strong economically that she can not only support the annual growth of population but also give employment to the thousands and tens of thousands she formerly sent abroad. The character of the emigration, as well as its numerical amount, has changed, as the statistics make plain.

Time was when the word emigrant was associated with notions of poverty and wretchedness. Recent investigations in one parish of Berlin show that of 1,470 persons who emigrated during the quarter ended last September only one-third could be called poor, while the other two-thirds were some of them well provided with means and not a few even rich. A score had more than \$2,000 each, another score had double that amount, a dozen over \$5,000, ten over \$10,000, four over \$12,000 and six over \$20,000.

The scene at the departure of the emigrant boat or train is no longer the pathetic sight it once was, for the emigrants of to-day have clearer and more definite ideas as to the experiences they are likely to meet with than when emigration was not organized and supervised as it is now, and they know that the voyage, before so much dreaded, will not be accompanied

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